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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/185,908
	Filing Date	November 3, 1998
	First Named Inventor	Orest W. Blaschuk
	Group Art Unit	1644
	Examiner Name	Amy DeCloud
	Attorney Docket Number	100086.409

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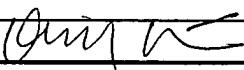
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. <b>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>October 28, 2002</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and 3 references filed on October 28, 2002</u></li> </ul>
b. Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Extension of Time Request</u></li> </ul>
2. <b>Miscellaneous</b>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3. <b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No <u>19-1090</u> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ <u>570</u> enclosed
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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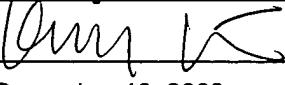
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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Corrected Filing Receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication to Group
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
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<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Cited References	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<u>Request for Continued Examination</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 C.F.R. 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement	_____
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## Remarks

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	740	2001	370	Utility filing fee			
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee			
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee			
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee			
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1)						(\$)	

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		Extra Claims	*	Fee from below	*	Fee Paid
Independent Claims			**			
Multiple Dependents						

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20			
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
SUBTOTAL (2)						(\$)	

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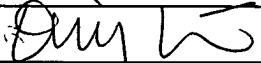
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1051	130	2051	65	SurchARGE - late filing fee or oath			
1052	50	2052	25	SurchARGE - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification			
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month			200
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month			
1254	1440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255	1960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal			
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing			
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453	1280	1453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501	1280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee			
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee			
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional applications			
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			370
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify)							

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